



**SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, 7pm
IN THE YEAR OF COVID
Minutes**

Attending: Diane Landry, Dan Groff, John Williams, Christian Berg (COBI), Deb Rudnick (Chair)

1. Isn't our new website awesome? www.sustainablebainbridge.org. We took a quick tour, visiting the Watershed Council page.
2. [Bainbridge Island Beach Cleanup](#): Sunday, September 20! Deb showed everyone the International Coastal Conservancy Coastal Cleanup webpage, which is the umbrella organization for coastal cleanups around the world, of which we are one of hundreds. We reviewed some of the data from last year's cleanup, which had the interesting finding that chip bags and snack food wrappers now surpass cigarette butts as the #1 category of trash found? Semi-positive news, maybe? See summary graphic below. Diane and Deb will be staffing the Miller Rd station where we give out bags and buckets and take large debris that Parks brings to the transfer station. Deb and John discussed that **Deb** could link the Salish Magazine plastics issue to the BI Beach Cleanup website, and **John** could plug the beach cleanup on his site.

Diane also talked about two very powerful short films on ocean plastics: they are: Selfish: <https://vimeo.com/333203660> and Sources and Impacts of Marine Litter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=017bBeXhYz4>

2019 INTERNATIONAL *Coastal Cleanup* BY THE NUMBERS

Top 10

ITEMS COLLECTED

1. Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.)
4,771,602
2. Cigarette Butts
4,211,962
3. Plastic Beverage Bottles
1,885,833
4. Plastic Bottle Caps
1,500,523
5. Straws, Stirrers
942,992
6. Plastic Cups, Plates
754,969
7. Plastic Grocery Bags
740,290
8. Plastic Take Out/Away Containers
678,312
9. Other Plastic Bags
611,100
10. Plastic Lids
605,778



943,195
PEOPLE



20,772,394
POUNDS
9,422,199
KILOGRAMS



24,456
MILES
39,358
KILOMETERS



32,485,488
TOTAL ITEMS



3. Fall Salmon Monitoring: Training is next week! We have a full plate of volunteers, lots of veterans and a few new. Talked a little about whether salmon look like they are staging yet in the mouths of local streams. We have seen evidence of early runs- Christian shared a picture of a large salmon found a few weeks ago on Manzanita, possibly Chinook or coho, maybe part of the Grover's Creek run?

4. Christian reviewed the new Sediment Report completed by the City and Integral Consulting. The report analyzes data collected by the City and volunteers over the years 2008, 2013 and 2019. The report is available for viewing at <https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1230/2020-State-of-the-Islands-Sediment-Report>. The website also links to an interactive data viewer where you can pull up location-based and chemical-based data. In general, the sediment results are a mostly good news story, with fairly good quality of sediments across the Island.
5. Cooper Creek fish barrier: Christian reported that the City is in the process of applying for a [Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board](#) grant to address the undersized culvert at the head of Eagle Harbor, as well as address non-motorized transportation issues. They are designing for a replacement with a bridge instead of culvert, and are working with City Planner Peter Best to also take into consideration sea level rise impacts in that area.
6. Fletcher Bay fish barrier – We discussed the fact that BIWC is frustrated by the continued apparent opposition to put this project on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list. Although we have heard the City’s perspective that they are concerned about adding projects that don’t have funding, it’s very clear that this project, which is likely a \$million + effort to remove a failing weir system and replace the culvert with a bridge, will not be paid for the City, but is rather likely to be a legislative ask. But it is very difficult to go to state granting agencies to make this ask if the project is not on the CIP list that identifies it as a priority! Folks are asked to continue to push on their council reps to make sure this project gets added, so that we can move it forward. In the meantime, the City will again sandbag the weir system as a temporary fix, and Christian is looking for volunteers. **Diane** suggested that she has a boy scouts contact and they are looking for environmental projects, so she will give Christian his contact info.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7pm. Zoom Link TBD.